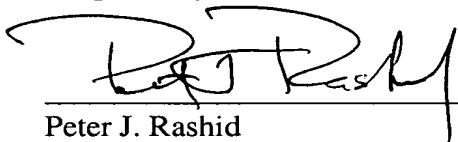


REMARKS

Prior to a formal examination of the above-identified application, acceptance of the new claims is respectfully requested. It is believed that the new claims define patentable subject matter. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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